

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 28, sec. 48. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 2.

20. When any person intends to apply for building or repairing any bridge, he shall give notice in the same manner, and for the same length of time prescribed for applications for opening roads; and the county commissioners, when they have heard the reasons and evidences for and against the application, shall determine the case, as in their judgment will best promote the public convenience.

Ibid. sec. 49. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 3.

21. Whenever the county commissioners shall have determined to build or repair a bridge, they shall, at their usual time for levying taxes, levy on the assessable property of the county, a sum sufficient to pay for the bridge and its embankments and abutments.

Ibid. sec. 50. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 4. 1884, ch. 114.

22. All bridges shall be built or repaired by contract; and the county commissioners shall advertise in one or more newspapers, and if there be no newspaper published in the county or counties, then by such public notice as they may deem most advisable, setting forth the place where said bridge is to be built or repaired, with full specifications of the plan and materials, and that sealed proposals for building or repairing said bridge will be received until a day named in the advertisement; provided, however, that nothing herein shall apply to the building of bridges, the cost of which shall not exceed two hundred dollars, nor to repairs of existing bridges, where the cost of said repairs shall not exceed that sum; and in all cases where such cost of building or repairing shall not exceed said sum of two hundred dollars, the manner of providing for said work, and whether the same shall be done by contract or otherwise, and if by contract, the manner of letting the same shall be in the discretion of the county commissioners.

Ibid. sec. 51. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 4.

23. On the day named in such advertisement the proposals shall be opened, and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder, who in the opinion of the county commissioners shall be qualified to build or repair the bridge; and the contractor shall be required